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throwing the switch to begin pumping the first beach well

O.J. Boekhoudt, Director of Water-En-Energiebedrijf, W.E.B. N.V. Aruba's national energy and water plant, welcomed parliament members and island dignitaries along with Minister of Tourism,

Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber, for the groundbreaking ceremonies for two major projects at the W.E.B. facility in Balashi on Thursday afternoon, November 18.

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NATO agrees on Europe-wide missile defence system

LISBON, Portugal (AFP) - US President Barack Obama and his NATO allies agreed yesterday to set up a new anti-missile defence shield across Europe and invite Russia to take part.

The deal means NATO leaders will set up a network of radars and interceptors forming an anti-ballistic missile shield extending over Europe and possibly linking with Russia too.

"I'm pleased to announce that for the first time, we have agreed to develop a missile defense capability that's strong enough to cover all NATO European territory and populations, as well as the United States," Obama said after a first session of the two-day NATO summit in Lisbon.

Russia had been fiercely critical of US missile defence plans, seeing them as a direct threat to its nuclear deterrent.

But the 28 NATO powers hope President Dmitry Med-

vedev can be won over in discussions with the alliance today, the first encounter at this level since Moscow waged a war in Georgia in 2008.

NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen has said he expects Russia and the Allies to begin a joint study of Russia's possible inclusion in the missile defence system, which would be a significant softening of Moscow's position.

In a "strategic concept" released yesterday setting out NATO priorities for the next decade, the leaders agreed to "develop the capability to defend our populations and territories against ballistic missile attack as a core element of our collective defence."

"We will actively seek co-operation on missile defence with Russia and other Euro-Atlantic partners," they said. Leaders were to discuss the plan in more detail over dinner.

Obama also rallied European allies to his side in his

showdown with the US Senate over the ratification of a key nuclear pact with Russia.

"The message that I've received since I arrived from my fellow leaders here at NATO could not be clearer: new START will strengthen our alliance and it will strengthen European security," the US leader told reporters.

Rasmussen warned that any delay "would be damaging to security in Europe."

The Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (START) -- signed by Medvedev and Obama in Prague in April -- restricts each nation to a maximum of 1,550 deployed warheads, a cut of about 30 percent from a limit set in 2002.

The broad agreement on the missile shield marks a significant advance for Obama's scheme, first announced in November 2009 when he ditched plans for a missile shield in Eastern Europe, the cause of a Cold War-style row with Russia.

UN makes new plea for end to Haiti unrest

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFP) - The top UN envoy in Haiti yesterday called for an end to cholera protests across the country which he said were costing lives.

"Every second that passes can save or break thousands of lives," Edmond Mulet, head of the UN peacekeeping mission in Haiti, said in a statement.

Demonstrators must stop blocking roads, bridges and airports so that vital humanitarian assistance can reach the thousands of people affected by the epidemic, which has killed at least 1,186 people, he said.

The UN has said that the demonstrations, some of which accused the UN peacekeepers of introducing the disease to Haiti, are being "orchestrated" ahead of elections.

"If this situation continues, more and more patients in desperate need of care are likely to die and more and more Haitians awaiting access to preventive care may be overtaken by the epidemic," warned Mulet, who is also the UN secretary general's special representative in Haiti.

Humanitarian workers said the protests had eased a little yesterday but that aid agencies were still not working in the northern city of Cap Haitien, where the major violence erupted this week.

UN agencies have made several pleas for an end to the violence which they have say is threatening lives as the epidemic spreads.

Russia frees Israeli mercenary wanted by Colombia

MOSCOW, Russia (AFP) - Russia has released Israeli mercenary Yair Klein, whose extradition was sought by Colombia, and he is on his way to Israel, Interfax news agency said yesterday, quoting a security source.

"Klein has been freed and he is currently en route to Israel," said the source, without providing any further details.

Israeli television Channel 2 also reported the release and showed video of a smiling Klein leaving his prison in Moscow before heading to the airport and his flight back home.

According to the TV report, he said the first thing he

wanted to do is see his family and he also criticised Israel for not obtaining his release sooner.

Klien was sentenced in absentia to 10 years and eight months in jail by a Colombian court in 2001 for training paramilitaries and the strongmen of Medellin drug cartels in military and terrorist techniques in the 1990s.

Klein, a former colonel in Israel's parachute infantry, was arrested in Moscow in 2007 under an Interpol warrant where he went for a holiday and for business.

He had previously been detained for 16 months in the west African country Sierra

Leone, accused of selling arms, training Liberian rebels and trafficking diamonds.

A Russian court approved the extradition request in 2008, but it was the subject of an emergency ruling from the European Court of Human Rights.

In a full ruling in April 2009, the court said Klein faced a serious risk of mistreatment if he was detained in Colombia, and it upheld that decision in a subsequent ruling last week.

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos strongly protested against last week's decision.

Vatican readies guidelines against sex abuse

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - The Vatican said yesterday it was preparing guidelines for the Church on combatting abuse as the world's cardinals held unprecedented talks about paedophile priests under pressure from victims.

The Vatican said the meeting of around 150 of the Roman Catholic Church's 203 cardinals was told about "preparation work for a circular letter... on the guidelines to offer for a coordinated and efficient program" against abuse.

Cardinal William Levada, the head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the body in charge of Church dogma, led the discussions.

Levada also spoke about the need to listen to victims, to work together with law enforcement and to make a careful selection of future priests.

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The first project on the agenda is a Sea Water Reverse Osmosis two-stage plant capable of producing 24 million tons of sweet water daily, making it the largest SWRO plant in the region, which has been dubbed "Pearl of the Caribbean." VEOLIA Water Solutions and Technologies of France won the bidding for the contract and is expected to complete the "turn-key" facility in May of 2012 at a cost of 90 million Aruban florin (\$51.42 million U.S.) Jean-Paul Colin of the VEOLIA Major Projects Group was on hand to take part in the ritual of hitting the switch with Minister Oduber to begin pumping seawater into beach wells being drilled along the shoreline of the W.E.B. plant.

This newer system of extracting seawater, being used in about 1/3 of the SWRO plants around the world, pre-filters the water through the coral rock, thus creating an even more efficient system. Using membranes to remove particulates and purify water is a far more energy-efficient system than heating it into steam, as was previously employed, while also drastically reducing the carbon footprint of the process.

The second ceremony required O.J. Boekhoudt and Minister Oduber to operate some heavy equipment, initiating the excavation of the foundation for Reciprocating Engines Powerhouse # 3 plant, which will provide 44 megawatts of power on completion. WÄRTSILÄ, a company which W.E.B. has contracted previously, is building the new plant, and their Project Manager Mika Rapeli and Civil Section Manager Po Hjort participated in the groundbreaking ritual. The new plant will cost 120 million Aruban florins (\$68.52 million U.S.) to construct and is expected to be operational by August of 2011.

This is all part of W.E.B.'s Major Energy Efficiency Improvement Projects, MEEIP, announced O.J. Boekhoudt, which is a long-term plan to explore every possibility to make Aruba as independent from oil as possible, while keeping an eye to reducing CO2 emissions during the island's energy



Minister Otmar Oduber performs the groundbreaking



Po Hjort, OJ Boekhoudt, Minister Oduber, Kika Rapeli of Wartsila and Marlon Ras project mgrs



OJ Boekhoudt, Minister Oduber, Josef Everon, and Jean Paul Colin of Veolia

and water production. "Fuel Oil is 70% of our operating costs," he explained, "it is imperative we reduce this;

these projects are vital steps towards this goal."

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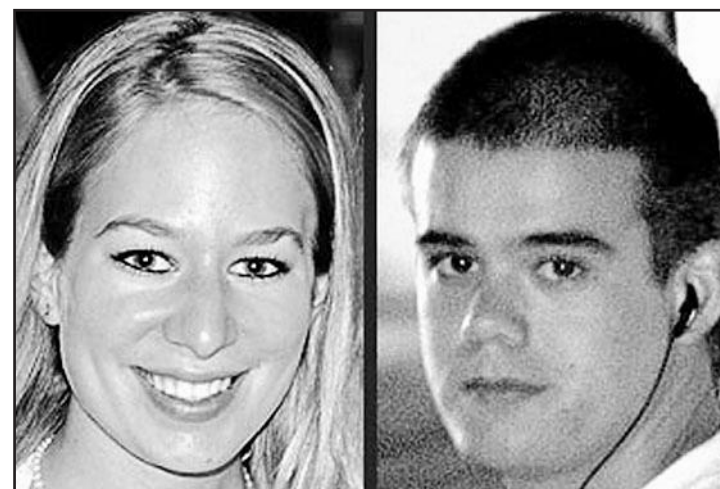
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Source: Dutch officials 'almost certainly know' whether jaw bone belongs to Natalee Holloway



THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- The Dutch forensics team charged with examining a jaw bone that washed up on an Aruban beach has had Natalee Holloway's dental records in hand since Tuesday, more than enough time to make a comparison, a source close to the family said.

"They almost certainly know by now the results," the source told ABC News.

"There are mixed signals," the source said. "If it wasn't her I'd think they'd come out and

say it wasn't her with all the fanfare."

Aruban prosecutor Peter Blanken made headlines Thursday by telling CNN that the jaw bone was that of a young woman. Yet, after flying to the Netherlands for the testing, Blanken is headed home to Aruba, the source said, based on information out of Aruba.

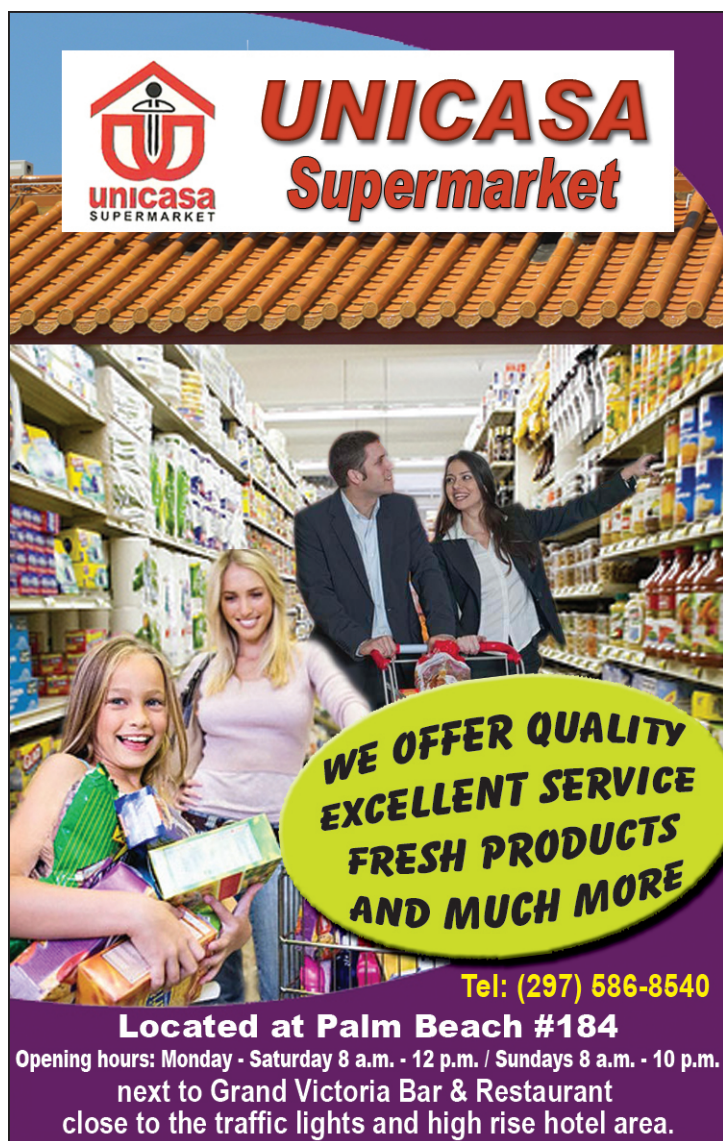
The Forensic Institute said earlier this week that the announcement of the findings would be left to Aruban authorities

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Beaujolais: New batch deemed sweet, authentic



Photo shows men rolling barrels of Beaujolais Nouveau for the official launch of the 2010 vintage in the center of Lyon.

PARIS, France — The latest batch of Beaujolais Nouveau, the popular French wine that's more fun than fine, made its debut Thursday.

The verdict for some: a sweet, fruity and authentic flavor that matches 2009's excellent harvest.

"It's excellent! I really like it!" said the 72-year-old Francois Cheri, who have tasted it for the past 30 years.. "Its soft, warm and very agreeable."

"This year, it's a real treat," said Dominique Capart, head of Inter Beaujolais, an associ-

ation that promotes the wine. "You smell the red fruits, the black currant, the raspberries. It's crisp and smooth in the mouth."

Beaujolais Nouveau is produced by 3,000 small winegrowing estates in the Beaujolais region near Lyon from one grape variety, Gamay Noir a Jus Blanc. Grapes are often handpicked then left to macerate for a period of four to five days, a process that ensures a fresh, light taste and low alcohol content.



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One of the most frivolous and animated rituals in the wine world has begun. For 21 years this traditional Thursday has been observed by wine fanciers on Aruba in a most memorable way, orchestrated by Aruba Trading Company in partnership with a fine restaurant.

This year, Papiamento Restaurant hosted the ritual uncorking of the first bottle of the Georges DuBoeuf Beaujolais Nouveau 2010, a very young wine fermented in stainless steel casks so as to provide a very pure product of the Gamay grape without overtones or undertones. It is a sweet, fruity wine, and to complement the new harvest, Papiamento Executive Chef Eduardo Ellis devised a menu he described as "a tour of every French region."

The charming environs of the restaurant, located close to Palm Beach, were ingeniously deployed in the unveiling of the 2010 vintage, which features a specially designed and decorous new label each year. Members of Aruba's national synchronized swimming team performed a thrilling water ballet in the eatery's central pool, to emerge with a giant-sized wine bottle at the end of the show and hand it over to Aruba Trading Company representative Nicole Martina.

Papiamento's founder, Eduardo Ellis, a pioneer of Aruba's tourism industry, was invited to do the honors of uncorking and sampling the new wine, accompanied by his wife Ellie. It flowed freely as lucky gourmands enjoyed a sumptuous evening under the stars featuring freshly flamed escargot and an authentic Marseille Bouillabaisse, Coc au Vin, Rack of Lamb and other classic dishes delightfully enhanced by a fresh and fruity Beaujolais, along with other fine products from the Georges DuBoeuf winery.

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Eduardo Ellis uncorks the first bottle



Mary Wever-Laclé savors the wine



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Governor Refunjol thanks La Cuadra Venezolana for their support to Aruba Scholarship Foundation



Last week representatives of the Aruba Scholarship Foundation paid a courtesy visit to the governor to present to him the first tickets to the benefit concert to be given by La Cuadra Venezolana in the Crystal Theater on Monday, No-

vember 22.

Told that the Venezuelan musicians are playing free of charge as their contribution to the good works of the Foundation, the Governor asked to meet the members before the concert.

On Tuesday they visited

him, and Governor Refunjol graciously expressed his appreciation to them for their generous gesture.

Photo shows the musicians presenting a copy of their latest CD to Governor Refunjol.

Full moon/sunset junction tonight at 7 p.m.



ORANJESTAD -- According to the moon and sun data for 2010 there are three occasions to see the full moon rising while shortly afterwards the sun sets.

At Alto Vista there is an excellent spot to observe "the two cheeses" at the same time hanging opposite each other above the sea.

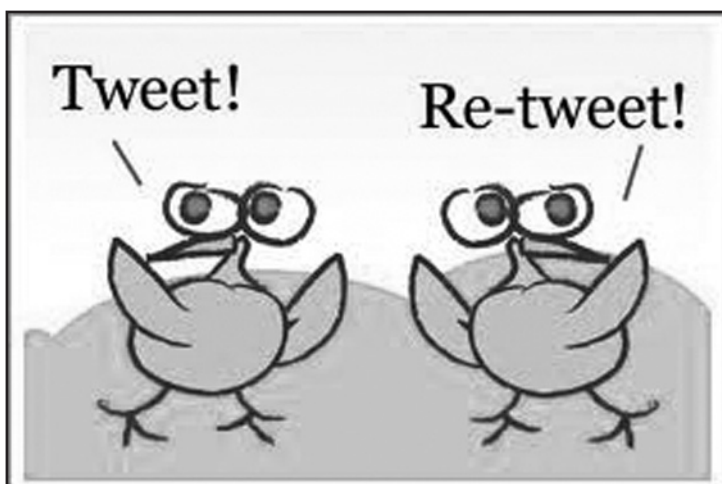
Tonight, the full moon will rise at 6:13 p.m. while the sun sets at 6.11 p.m.

It is a unique opportunity to enjoy this phenomenon at Alto Vista.

It is also a nice experience to walk the Aruba Peace Labyrinth situated nearby, while the full moon sheds its light rays.

Sci-Tech

Woman may be 'first in China' persecuted over tweet



BEIJING (AFP) – A Chinese woman sentenced to a year in a labour camp could be the first person in the country persecuted over a tweet, human rights groups said Friday, as Beijing tightens its grip on social media.

Cheng Jianping, 46, was convicted on Monday of "disturbing social order" after she retweeted a Twitter posting that mocked anti-Japanese protesters and suggested they attack the Japanese pavilion at Shanghai's World Expo.

"To my knowledge it is the first time ... someone was sent to labour camp for tweeting," Vincent Brossel, a representative of Paris-based Reporters Without Borders, told AFP.

Even though Twitter is blocked in China, the government has sent a "very clear message ... that they watch it

and (users should) be careful," he said. Amnesty International has urged the government to release Cheng, whose sentencing comes as China faces intense criticism over its tough reaction to the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to jailed dissident writer Liu Xiaobo.

Cheng, an online activist who had supported Liu and other rights defenders, could be the first Chinese citizen to become "a prisoner of conscience on the basis of a single tweet," Amnesty said.

On October 17, Cheng added the phrase "Angry youth, charge!" before retweeting a message posted by her fiancé, Hua Chunhui, that mocked Chinese anti-Japanese protesters who had smashed Japanese products over a maritime dispute between the two countries, Amnesty said.

Discovery launch 'no earlier than' December 3



WASHINGTON (AFP) – The final launch of the space shuttle Discovery has been delayed until at least December 3 so that repairs can be carried out on a hydrogen leak, the US space agency said Thursday.

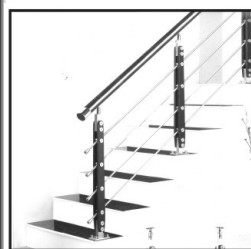
NASA said it would review the required analysis and repairs over the next five days and hoped to hold a decisive meeting on the launch on Monday, November 29.

"The Kennedy Space Center 'Call-to-Stations' to begin the launch countdown will be no earlier than Nov. 30, supporting a first launch attempt no earlier than Dec. 3," it said in a statement.

Inspectors this week found a fourth crack in support beams on the external fuel tanks of the space shuttle.

To get in a flight to the International Space Station this year, Discovery must blast off before December 6. Otherwise it will have to wait until February, the same month that the last-ever shuttle launch is scheduled before the fleet is mothballed for good.

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Is a major earthquake looming for Panama and its Canal?

Panama's capital city and its iconic canal could be at risk for a major earthquake, according to new research.

Geologists have discovered that two fault lines, one of which cuts directly beneath the Panama Canal, are capable of powerful ruptures.

The canal is undergoing a major expansion project, scheduled for completion in 2014, in time for the waterway's 100th anniversary. According to some estimates, more than 73 percent of the cargo ships in use today are too large to squeeze through the narrow canal.

Authorities in charge of the expansion commissioned the recent research to uncover any seismic risks posed to the new construction.

Panama lies on a narrow isthmus perched atop two colliding tectonic plates - the Central American and South American - and although the

country has experienced earthquakes in the past, the two faults the scientists are targeting have lain dormant for decades, even centuries.

"I think to some degree we were all surprised that these faults were as active as they are," said Thomas K. Rockwell, a professor of geology at San Diego State University and lead author on the new study.

The Pedro Miguel fault, which travels underneath the Panama Canal, last ruptured in 1621 - a time for which detailed earthquake records are scarce.

Rockwell and his team traveled deep into Panama's rainforests in search of more data on the historic quake, and discovered that the tremor displaced the Camino de Cruces, an old Spanish thoroughfare once choked with prospectors and donkeys hauling loads of South Amer-

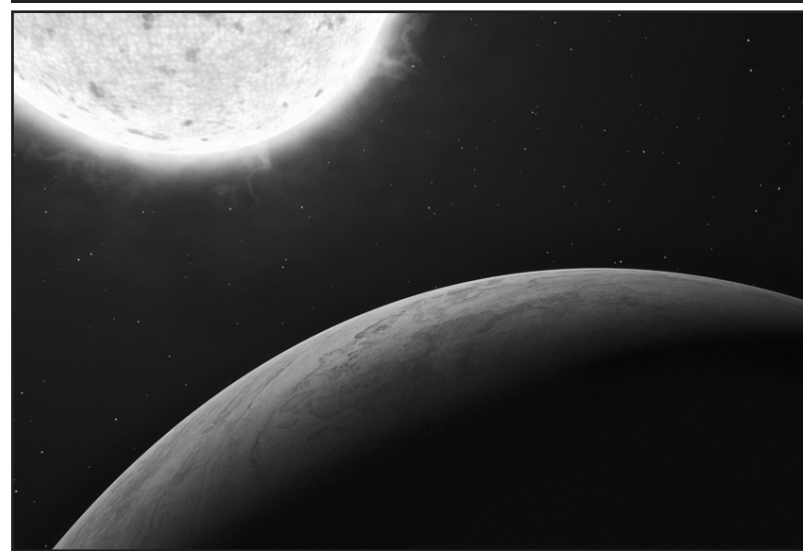
ican gold. The earthquake shoved the well-trod cobblestone highway more than 9 feet (3 meters) off its original mark.

The finding added to the mounting geological evidence that the Pedro Miguel fault is capable of powerful, devastating movements.

Although the fault does pass beneath the Panama Canal, Rockwell said that fortunately it doesn't lie directly beneath any of the canal's locks, the massive, dam-like chambers that allow ships to pass between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

Rockwell said if the Pedro Miguel fault experienced an earthquake similar to the 1621 rupture today, it could cause major damage in nearby Panama City, particularly since construction codes may not be up to the standards required to hold up in a major earthquake.

First glimpse of a planet from another galaxy



This artist's impression shows HIP 13044 b, an exoplanet orbiting a star that entered our galaxy, the Milky Way, from another galaxy. European astronomers say they have discovered the first planet that comes from a galaxy outside the Milky Way, according to research released this past week in the United States. The exoplanet is slightly larger than the size of Jupiter, the gaseous planet that is the largest in our solar

system, and is orbiting a star 2,000 light years from Earth that has found its way into the Milky Way. The pair are believed to be part of the Helmi stream, a group of stars that remains after its mini-galaxy was devoured by the Milky Way some six to nine billion years ago, said the study in Science Express. (AFP PHOTO)



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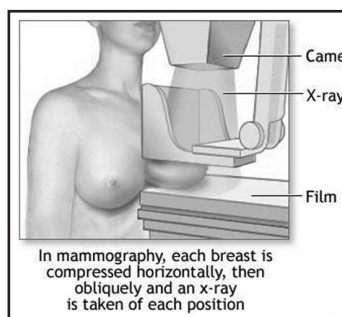
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Health & Living

British Study supports mammograms for some women under 50



Mammograms given to women under 50 with a moderate family history of breast cancer can spot cancers earlier and increase the odds for long-term survival, a new study shows.

British researchers examined mammogram results for 6,710 women with several relatives with breast cancer, or at least one relative diagnosed before age 40, finding that 136 were diagnosed with the malignancy between 2003 and 2007.

These women, who researchers said were probably not carriers of a mutated BRCA breast cancer gene, started receiving mammo-

grams recommended by the U.K. National Health Service, which currently offers the screenings every three years for women between the ages of 50 and 70.

Findings showed their tumors were smaller and less aggressive than those in women screened at typical ages, and these women were more likely to be alive 10 years after diagnosis of an invasive cancer, the researchers said.

Health tip: Understanding Diabetes Insipidus

Diabetes insipidus results when the brain doesn't produce enough antidiuretic hormone, which controls the amount of water in the blood and urine.

The American Academy of Family Physicians offers this additional information about diabetes insipidus:

It's not related to type 1 or type 2 diabetes.

* Common symptoms of diabetes insipidus are being very thirsty and above-average urination.

* Possible triggers for diabetes insipidus include kidney disorders, medication side effects, or damage to the brain or pituitary gland. About one-third of the time, doctors can't find a cause.

* Some mild cases do not require treatment. In more serious cases, drugs to help the body produce -- or make better use of -- antidiuretic hormones may be prescribed.

Facebook rejection 'triggered asthma attack'

PARIS (AFP) – Can virtual friends give you asthma? The question is put in an unusual case study reported on Friday by the medical journal The Lancet.

Italian doctors describe how a 18-year-old man with a history of asthma suddenly experienced bouts of breathlessness during the summer months, when he was normally free from these symptoms.

The teen's worried mother learned that he was depressed after breaking up with his

girlfriend, who had deleted him from her list of "friends" on Facebook while "friending" lots of new young men.

Using a new nickname on Facebook, the young man succeeding in becoming her "friend" once more and in finally gaining access to her picture on her Facebook profile.

Intrigued, the doctors asked the patient to wear an airflow mask, measuring respiratory flow, whenever he accessed Facebook.

Sure enough, his breathing volume dramatically plunged as soon as he logged in, sometimes by more than 20 percent. After getting help from a psychiatrist, the patient determined not to login to Facebook any more -- and the asthma attacks stopped.

The patient had no other physical problems or anything else untoward in his medical history, say the investigators.

They conclude it was the stress of Facebook login that triggered the asthma: the pa-

tient literally choked at the prospect of seeing and communicating with his ex.

The case is reported in a letter by five doctors, led by Gennaro D'Amato of the High Speciality Hospital in Naples.

The authors say the case could be a useful tip for doctors who want to explore mystery cases of wheezing and breathlessness among young patients, for whom social networking is fast taking the place of real-life relationships, with all their ups and downs.

"Facebook, and social networks in general, could be a new source of psychological stress, representing a triggering factor for exacerbations in depressed asthmatic individuals," says the letter.

"Considering the high prevalence of asthma, especially among young people, we suggest that this type of trigger be considered in the assessment of asthma exacerbations."

The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other in-



Grandma's stoba with classic rice & beans and homemade potato beet salad

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

Kia Motors surpasses one million unit export mark to Latin America

- Feat achieved 33 years after first export to Latin America of Brisa passenger sedan (Costa Rica)
- Milestone reached just seven years after hitting 500,000 unit accumulated export mark
- Brand image boosted through bold local marketing efforts, including Kia's forthcoming sponsorship of 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™



SEOUL, South Korea – Kia Motors Corp. recently announced that it has surpassed the one million unit accumulated export mark to Latin America (excluding exports by overseas plants) with its latest shipment of ethanol-gasoline powered Soul Flex vehicles to Brazil.

The feat comes 33 years after Kia made its very first shipment to the continent of 353 Brisa passenger sedans to Costa Rica in 1977.

In the first year of shipments to Latin America, Kia posted exports of 1,050 units. In 1994, the number of accumulated vehicles shipped to the region surpassed 100,000 units while the 500,000 unit mark was reached in 2003, 26 years after its first shipment. The company then managed to double that figure to one million in just seven years. Exports to the region have grown by more than 123 times over a period of 33 years.

Kia Motors celebrated the milestone with a special commemorative ceremony at its main domestic shipping base in Korea, Pyeongtaek Port, which was attended by key company executives.

Senior Executive Vice President & COO, Thomas Oh, said, "This amazing accomplishment of reaching one million vehicle exports to Latin America is the result of our ceaseless efforts to elevate the level of quality and styling of our product lineup, while tapping into new

markets and satisfying the needs of local customers. We plan to actively respond to the growing demand not only in this region but in other emerging markets like China as we further solidify our image as a top global brand."

Key export countries for Kia Motors in Latin America include Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Peru. Kia is pursuing active marketing initiatives to boost sales performance and improve brand recognition, including test drives for members of the media, experiential marketing and participation in major regional motor shows (Brazil, Chile and Colombia). For example, it held the world premiere of the Soul Flex alternative fuel vehicle at the Sao Paulo Motor Show in Brazil this past October. The company is aggressively targeting the Brazilian market in particular which recorded 24,808 sales units in 2009. That figure is expected to increase by 102% this year to reach around 53,000 units. Meanwhile, Kia has achieved 10% market

share (third place among all makers) in the Chilean market, 6% market share (fourth place) in Colombia and 21% market share (first place) in Paraguay.

Based on this momentum, Kia Motors predicts 2010 sales in Latin America will grow by 75% compared to the previous year to post 136,000 units. Regional market share is also forecast to increase from 1.5% to 2.4% over this same period.

To continue to expand sales and market share in the Latin American market, Kia Motors plans to introduce new models best suited to local requirements in a timely manner, continue joint marketing activities with its local country distributors, and strengthen its dealership network by upgrading dealership facilities and performance through the Kia Dealer Excellence Program (K-DEP), which a global initiative aimed at enhancing the competitiveness of Kia dealers worldwide.



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Miss Aruba candidates presented at the Radisson



The Miss Aruba pageant candidates were introduced to guests at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa during the managers' Cocktail Party on Tuesday. The twelve local beauties also grace the lobby with their presence as they were challenged for a mini interview in public, on a stage set up especially for the occasion.

The pageant will take place at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa, on Saturday December 4th, 2010, VIP ticket available at 592 6926. Pictured here, guests and resort associates enjoy the meeting the candidates and the officials of Star Promotions, the Miss Aruba organization.



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La Cuadra Venezolana visits Minister Arthur Dowers



As all four members of the musical ensemble La Cuadra Venezolana are also music educators, they wanted to pay a courtesy visit to Aruba Minister of Education Arthur Dowers, to discuss possible ways they could cooperate with Aruba to help the development of Aruban musicians. On Tuesday, the visit took place and the group presented copy of their latest CD to the minister. Minister Dowers expressed his appreciation to the musicians for their generous offer to play, free of charge, at the benefit concert that La Cuadra Venezolana will give in the Crystal Theater on Monday, November 22. He also arranged a visit for the musicians to the activities of the music Fundacion Desaroyo Educativo Comunitario at EPB, Santa Cruz on the afternoon of the concert.

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15. Gala occasion: suffix
19. Minstrel's instrument
20. Disconnected
21. City in Turkey
22. "Penny ____"
23. Hebrew month
24. Repair, as a roof
25. Curtain material
26. Raw minerals
27. Fabric storage?
30. Charm
32. Thomas Lincoln's nickname
33. Peevishness
34. More delicate
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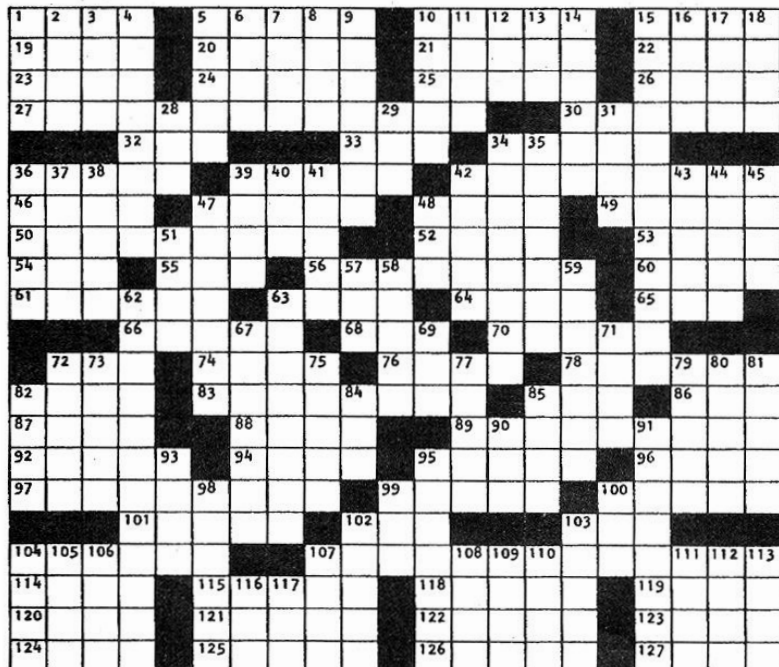
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66. Ralph ____ Emerson
68. Undermine
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76. Sail the seven ____
78. Skin design
82. Singer Guthrie
83. Visionaries
85. "____ Bones"
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87. In need
88. This: Sp.
89. Not an unruly mop?
92. Chiang Kai-shek's father-in-law

94. Enemies
95. "____ Dragon"
96. Irish islands
97. Large stores
99. South Dakota city
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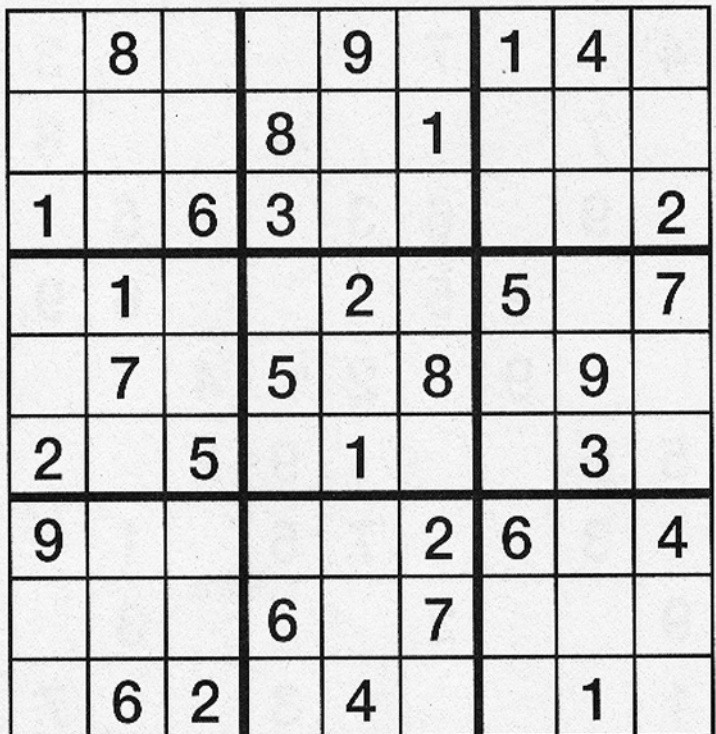
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9
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 In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

Finance



RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil -- Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (on the platform with other authorities) celebrates during the launching ceremony of Petrobras' Transpetro oil tanker Sergio Buarque de Holanda, at the Maua shipyard in Niteroi, Brazil. The Brazilian naval industry had a rebirth during Lula de Silva's administration with its Program for Modernization and Expansion of the Fleet (PROMEF) - part of the federal government's Growth Acceleration Program (GAP). (AFP PHOTO)



VALLADOLID, Spain -- Spanish farmers dump milk on the fence of Laiku company plant as they demonstrate for higher prices in Valladolid, northwestern Spain. The dairy farmers are responding to the fall in the price of milk, which has halved on average in Europe in the past months. (AFP PHOTO)



LOS ANGELES, California -- The new Mitsubishi i-MiEV is revealed at the two-day media preview event for the 2010 Los Angeles Auto Show on November 18, 2010 in Los Angeles, California. More than 20 North American debuts, as well as green and new alternative fuel technology vehicles, are being featured. The 10-day LA Auto Show was yesterday at the Los Angeles Convention Center. (AFP PHOTO)

Trump tower latest victim of Florida foreclosures

MIAMI, Florida (AFP) - A tower named after US billionaire Donald Trump was the latest victim yesterday of the mortgage crisis, with lenders foreclosing on the 200-unit luxury condominium project.

"Trump Hollywood," an imposing 41-story beachside tower in Hollywood, north of Miami Beach, offered condominiums with prices ranging from one million to seven million dollars, but only 25 of the units sold, realty consultants said.

Units could be purchased with an initial downpayment of 20 percent of a given property's value and a mortgage on the remainder, but the deep recession and a sharp fall in property values spelled trouble for investors.

"The condo crash was destined to occur because the developers sold too many units to investors who didn't live in them," said Lewis Goodkin of



Miami-based Goodkin Consulting.

"It created a false demand that drove up prices."

Property values in Miami have nearly halved, dropping 47 percent since 2006 at the peak of the housing bubble, according to Standard & Poor's Case-Shiller home price indices.

About 5,000 properties, including homes, condos and commercial properties, are taken over by banks in the Miami and Palm Beach areas each month due to mortgage defaults, according to Condo Vultures, which currently has a database of 236,000 foreclosed units in southern Florida.

Report: Dolce & Gabbana accused of one-billion-euro fraud

ROME, Italy (AFP) - Italian prosecutors yesterday requested the trial of famous fashion house Dolce & Gabbana for alleged tax fraud of around one billion euros (1.4 billion dollars), ANSA news agency reported.

The request came from Milan prosecutor Laura Pedio, it said.

Reports last month said investigators had completed an inquiry into founders Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana, as well as five other people.

Il Sole 24 Ore business daily reported earlier the company had failed to de-

clare 840 million euros in revenues.

The reported allegation is that Dolce & Gabbana created a company in Luxembourg in 2004 and 2005 which was given control of the group's brands, thereby avoiding Italian taxes.

The unpaid taxes amount to 420 million euros, one report said.

Italy has been cracking down on widespread tax eva-

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sion in recent months in an effort to raise government revenues following the global economic crisis.

Dolce & Gabbana was set up in 1985 and employs more than 3,000 people, with a network of 116 stores and 17 factory outlets in 2009.

Actor Wesley Snipes ordered to jail for tax evasion

MIAMI, Florida (AFP) - A US federal court yesterday rejected a request for a new trial for Hollywood actor Wesley Snipes and ordered him to report to prison to serve his three-year sentence for tax evasion.

Snipes, star of movies like "Demolition Man" and the "Blade" vampire trilogy, was convicted in 2008 of evading taxes totaling some 20 million dollars, but had appealed his sentence and sought a new trial.

The 48-year-old Hollywood star had a "fair trial" but now needs to report to jail, said Judge William Ter-

rell Hodges in Snipes's home state of Florida.

"He has had a full, fair, and thorough review of his conviction and sentence by the Court of Appeals; and he has had a full, fair, and thorough review of his present claims, during all of which he has remained at liberty," Hodges said.

"The time has come for the judgment to be enforced."

The actor had been accused of failing to file tax returns from 1999 to 2004, in a case in which Snipes described himself as "an idealistic, naive, passionate, truth-seeking, spiritually mo-

tivated artist, unschooled in the science of law and finance."

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Kite surfing or kiteboarding is a surface water sport that uses the wind to pull a rider through the water on a small surfboard or a kiteboard (similar to a wakeboard). Generally kiteboarding refers to a style of riding known as freestyle or wake-style, whereas kitesurfing is more "wave-riding" oriented. These two styles usually require different boards and specific performance kites.

A kitesurfer or kiteboarder uses a board with or without foot-straps or bindings, combined with the power of a large controllable kite to propel the rider and the board across the water. In 2006, the number of kitesurfers has been estimated at around 150,000 to 210,000, with 114,465 inflatable kites sold that same year.

The sport is becoming safer due to innovations in kite design, safety release systems, and instructions. Riding styles have evolved to suit riders and conditions, such as wakestyle, waveriding, freestyle, freeride, jumping, and cruising.

Kitesurfing started on the island in 1998. Armando Wester, a professional windsurfer and certified instructor, and his buddies were the first ones to introduce Kitesurfing to the island of Aruba.

Since then, they have gotten more than 5,000 visitors and locals hooked on this new adrenaline rush sport.

Their years of experience, the trade winds on the island, the beautiful Caribbean Sea and the latest equipment make it an ideal and safe place for anyone to learn to kite. Kitesurfing is a hybrid of wakeboarding, hand-gliding and windsurfing for a radical new approach of kite power.

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So don't hesitate to call Armando or visit him at the Fisherman's huts, just north of the Aruba Marriott Resort, and see for yourself what an exhilarating rush this sport really is.

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Buster's Garage in South Beach Center: One place for the whole family

Buster's Garage, a New York City landmark, made its way to Aruba about a year ago, and found a new home at the South Beach Center across from the Radisson Resort. Dedicated to the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your favorite team and have a great meal.

Fun for all the family, Buster's has typical sport bar fare such as chicken wings, quesadillas, calamari rings for munching while watching the main event on 24 giant plasma screens. Every seat is good seat for catching all the action. Open from noon for lunch or dinner, it has plenty of distractions for the younger crowd, including foosball, and a video arcade, so Mom and Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on yellowpages-aruba.com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this."

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerpong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during playoffs and championships, they regularly carry all UFC fights



& WWE events.

Buster's is a great place where island visitors and residents mix and mingle; Monday

to Thursday they close at 2:00 a.m., weekends at 4:00 a.m.

by Rosalie Klein

Chihuahua joins Japan police rescue squad

TOKYO, Japan (AFP) - A Japanese police department yesterday appointed a chihuahua as a member of its disaster rescue squad, where it will serve alongside retrievers and German shepherds.

Seven-year-old Momo, or "Peach," earned its top dog credentials when it passed a canine rescue test last week and is set to join the force in January, said a spokeswoman for the Nara Police Department in western Japan.

The three-kilogram (seven-pound) dog was given



the scent of a human "survivor" in a disaster simula-

tion and took under five minutes to sniff out the target person in a 100 square meter (1,100 square foot) area.

"It's quite rare for us to have a chihuahua work as a police dog," the spokeswoman said.

Chihuahuas, named after a Mexican state, are the smallest breed of dog.

"We would like it to work hard by taking advantage of its small size," a Nara police department official told the Sankei Shimbun daily.

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Beautiful wedding ceremony for Christopher and Bianca



Christopher and Bianca Gordon married on Aruba, September 06, 2010 at the Divi Rocks. Aruba Wedding 4 You put together a beautiful ceremony for the love birds. Accompanied by both their mothers, three children, other family members and friends, Christopher and Bianca said "I do" to each other. Afterwards they took their first stroll on Aruba's white sand beach as husband and wife. The newlyweds proceed from Birmingham, England and this is their first visit to the island. According to them what they liked most of the island is the safety and our friendly people. Congratulations Christopher and Bianca, may your lives be filled with love and happiness.

Aruba's religious sites Featured: the Lourdes Grotto

Aruba is known for its beautiful white beaches, pristine turquoise waters, a lot of sunshine and a beautiful arid landscape. Tourist flow to the island to relax in a tranquil ambiance and enjoy the many activities constantly happening here. But what if you want to spend a quiet moment? Aruba's spiritual sites offer you the best to achieve the perfect balance of body and soul.

Aruba was colonized by both the Spanish and the Dutch, thus has a strong prevalent Catholic population, even today. While there are many religions represented on the island, it is the Aruba churches and sites that draw those of all faiths.

The Lourdes Grotto is possibly the most well-known religious site on Aruba. Located near San Nicolas in the southern part of the island, away from most of the action, the Lourdes Grotto is peaceful and set away from much of the hectic activity. A grotto is either a



natural or artificial cave used by humans, and the grotto on Aruba became a religious site when the Catholic church placed a large statue of the Virgin Mary into a rocky hillside at Seroe Preto in 1958.

The Lourdes Grotto is named after the region in southern France where the Virgin Mary appeared to a peasant girl. The statue was

placed on Aruba to mark the 150th anniversary of this appearance.

Another cave is located across the street and, as an extra treat for visitors, parakeets live all around this area. Every year on February 11, a procession travels from the St. Theresita Church located in San Nicolas to the Lourdes Grotto Aruba for mass.

California couple stand out as world's tallest

LOS ANGELES, California — Their height made Wayne and Laurie Hallquist seem like an ideal match when they met seven years ago, and on Thursday they were matched with something else -- the title of world's tallest living married couple.

Guinness World Records bestowed that towering distinction to the Hallquists in a ceremony under the marquee at its Hollywood museum. The couple arrived in a white limousine, with Wayne sporting a tuxedo and Laurie in a white wedding dress.

The Hallquists, who live in Stockton, California, measure a combined 13 feet, 4 inches, or 407.4 centimeters, to be exact. He stands 6 feet 10.4 inches, she 6 feet 5.95 inches, the Guinness organization said.

"It's a whole different perspective up here, and we can find each other quite easily in a crowd," Laurie said.

"We can see several people going bald that might not know it at the moment," joked Wayne, 57, who works as a telephone company wire splicer.

The Hallquists said that when they met at a church singles club in 2003, they could tell that others around them were sizing up a possible love affair because of their height.

They have been married for seven years, but it took the Hallquists until this year to contact Guinness World Records.

The couple said they were discouraged at first from making a play for world's tallest couple, because they read online that a man and a woman each standing over 7 feet had married in the 19th century.

Only this year did they realize they could compete in another category: world's tallest living married couple.

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Martinez defends crown in rematch with Williams



Sergio Martinez (L), Paul Williams

ATLANTIC CITY (AFP) - Argentina's Sergio Martinez hopes a change in strategy will produce a victory when he fights a rematch with Paul Williams on Saturday for his World Boxing Council middleweight crown.

The southpaws first met last December when each fighter was knocked down in the opening round. US veteran Williams won by a 12-round majority decision in Atlantic City but Martinez vows the outcome will be different this weekend.

"It's going to be a different fight," Martinez said. "I'm going to work different angles. You are going to see a

different Sergio Martinez."

Martinez, 45-2-2 with 24 knockouts, captured his title last April with a unanimous 12-round decision over another US fighter, Kelly Pavlik.

But Williams, 39-1 with 27 knockouts, said he feels like Martinez "stole" a crown that should be his. Williams had two title fights with Pavlik called off, Pavlik saying he was suffering from a staph infection in his right hand.

"Now it's more motivation for me to go into and put in a hell of a fight," Williams said.

Williams, 29, anticipates another slugfest with Martinez, 35, much like the orig-

inal and plans to use his reach edge to fullest advantage.

"This one will be more brutal," Williams said. "There will be more punches thrown. Same as in the first fight, but 10 times more."

Williams suffered his only loss in February of 2008, dropping a unanimous decision to Carlos Quintana. He avenged the defeat four months later, stopping the Puerto Rican only 2:15 into the opening round.

Martinez suffered his only other career loss in 2000 in his first fight outside his homeland, being stopped by Mexico's Antonio Margarito in the seventh round.

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Van Gaal blasts Ribery over lack of effort

MUNICH (AFP) - Bayern Munich coach Louis van Gaal on Friday criticised Franck Ribery for his lack of commitment in a friendly game organised to help him regain full fitness.

Bayern beat third division Unterhaching 2-1 on Wednesday, with senior squad members Ribery, Diego Contento and Brazilian defender Breno all taking part as they continue their recoveries from injury.

Van Gaal, though, expressed particular disappoint-

ment with the performance of French international Ribery, who has been out for eight weeks with an injury to his right ankle.

"He didn't make any effort and showed no commitment," said van Gaal, who is likely to name Ribery on the bench for Saturday's game with Bayer Leverkusen.

"It's a shame. I don't organise friendly matches for my own good."

"None of them really did anything, but the prize goes to Ribery."

Tiger happier after scandal and hungry for 19 majors

NEW YORK (AFP) - Tiger Woods says he is "infinitely" happier now than he was before the sex scandal that ended his marriage and still hungers to break the record of 18 major triumphs set by Jack Nicklaus.

In a Thursday morning radio interview with ESPN, part of a charm offensive to reconnect with golf fans nearly a year after the car accident that touched off the scandal, Woods said despite all he has lost he is better off for it.

"Infinitely (happier). I'm just more clear about my perspective, who I am, where I want to go. It's amazing how much better I feel each and every day," Woods said.

"It was the best thing to go through that and come out on the other side and look at where I'm at now and how much better I feel now. I have a much better perspective now."

The former world golf number one called his quest to win five more major titles and pass Nicklaus for the all-time record "still important."

"I would still like to get to 19," Woods said. "Obviously I need to play better, shoot lower scores. Shooting rounds in the 70s ain't going to get it done."

About trying to regain his top form after a winless season and no longer being a defending champion at any event,



Woods said: "I'm just putting the pieces together."

"At tournament time (I need to) make the adjustments and turn on the right fix. That's something I'm working on."

Woods, a 14-time major champion, was getting ahead of stories to come next week about the anniversary of the scandal that led to revelations about his infidelity and the destruction of his once-iconic image.

"It's about time I basically again made a connection to fans who have been pretty great to me in the past year," Woods said. "If that didn't happen. I don't think I would be as blessed and as balanced as I am now."

The sex scandal led to his di-

voice from Elin Nordegren and his fall from the world number one ranking after a 2010 season in which he went winless for the first time in his career.

"It was a slow, gradual process when I had slipped away from my core values and my upbringing. It wasn't a pleasant feeling. It wasn't a good place to be. It was very destructive," Woods admitted.

Woods said his children with Nordegren, daughter Sam and son Charlie, were "priority number one."

"They mean everything to me," Woods said. "I'm thankful to have my kids, to spend time with them, teaching them something every single day."

Woods said he would tell his children the truth when the day came to explain his serial infidelity.

"Only God can change the past," Woods said. "What I did is what I did. I will talk to them face to face, eyeball to eyeball."

"My dad always said love is a given but trust has to be earned. I will have to earn the trust and respect from my kids. That happens over the course

of time."

Apart from the breakup of his marriage, the upheaval also cost Woods his world number one ranking -- which went to Englishman Lee Westwood this month -- after Tiger's 281-week run at the top.

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Vick faces Giant hurdle in road to redemption

PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - Michael Vick, seemingly having lost none of his running skills or passing prowess despite an 18-month prison sentence, has the Philadelphia Eagles back on top.

How well he does against the New York Giants on Sunday will determine how long they stay there.

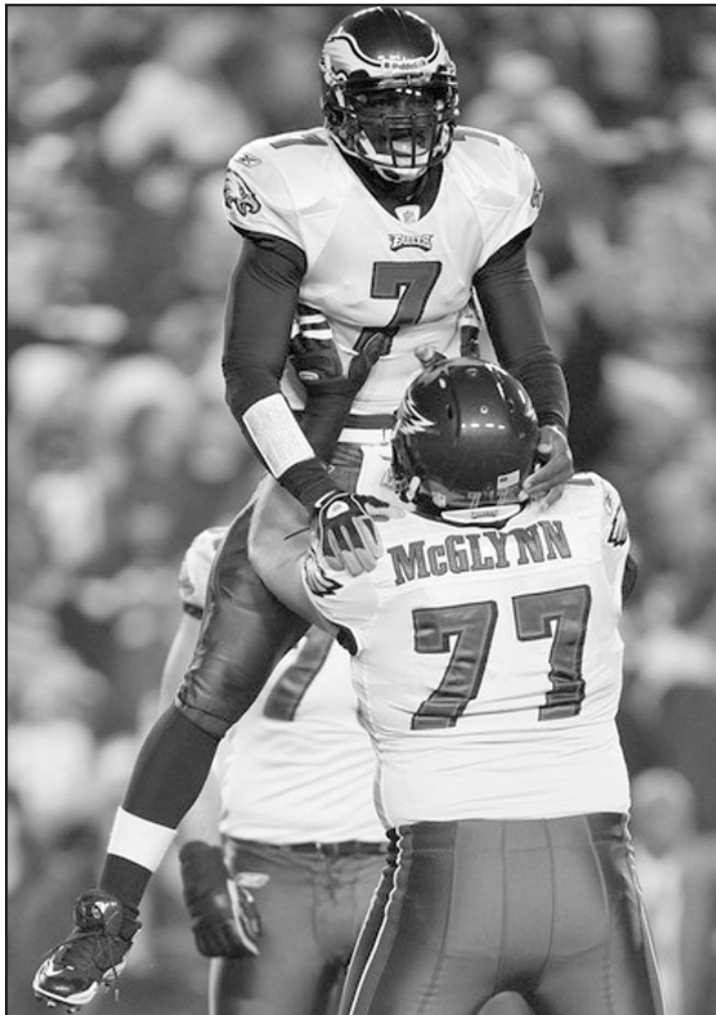
Vick will guide the Eagles against the Giants in a showdown of 6-3 clubs that share the NFC East division lead. The Eagles have won four of their past five games. The Giants had won five in a row before an upset loss to Dallas.

"He's unlike anything we've ever seen at the position," Giants defensive tackle Barry Cofield said.

After becoming an NFL icon with the Atlanta Falcons, Vick was convicted for his role in a dogfight gambling ring, earning the anger of pet fanciers when it was revealed he helped shoot, drown, hang, beat and electrocute dogs.

Vick joined the Eagles last year and last Monday finally revived the form that made him a star, throwing for 333 yards and four touchdowns and rushing for 80 yards and two touchdowns in a 59-28 rout of Washington.

"That was enough to give me indigestion," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said.



(FILES) Michael Vick #7 of the Philadelphia Eagles celebrates with team mate Mike McGlynn #77 after throwing his teams first touchdown against the Washington Redskins on November 15

Vick has completed 96-of-153 passes for 1,350 yards and 11 touchdowns while rushing 44 times for 341

yards and four touchdowns. Rivals must guard against his run skills, leaving openings for him to exploit with passes.

"The way he is able to keep plays alive is just huge," said Eagles receiver DeSean Jackson.

"The plays we're able to make down the field, that's a credit to him. The defenders, they come up and try to defend him because he's so dangerous as a runner. That makes it just so much easier for us to get behind the defenders."

Vick has learned to make small adjustments with his feet to help the Eagles' attack.

"We're not changing mechanics," Vick said. "We're just changing things that help in accuracy, your balance, having your feet in the proper position."

Eagles coach Andy Reid has found Vick a willing pupil.

"Michael, since he has been here, has been just a sponge with things and taken everything in, trying it, and then relaying that from practice to the game field," Reid said.

Giants defenders know the task they have in containing Vick and the Eagles.

"He presents something that no other quarterback is able to do in this league, which is he's able to kill you with his arm and his legs at an extreme level," Giants safety Antrel Rolle said.

"Another pivotal matchup takes place at New England, where the Patriots (7-2) play host to Indianapolis (6-3) in a meeting of division leaders.

The Colts lead Jacksonville and Tennessee by a game in the AFC South while New England and the New York Jets are level atop the AFC North with only Atlanta matching them for the best record in the league.

The Jets play host to Houston on Sunday while Atlanta travel to another 4-5 club, St. Louis.

Sunday's other games find Oakland at Pittsburgh, Seattle at New Orleans, San Francisco hosting Tampa Bay, Washington at Tennessee, Buffalo at Cincinnati, Arizona at Kansas City, Green Bay at Minnesota, Detroit at Dallas, Baltimore at Carolina and Cleveland at Jacksonville. Denver will visit San Diego on Monday.

Rockets' Yao to miss at least two more weeks

HOUSTON (AFP) - Houston Rockets center Yao Ming is expected to miss at least two more weeks of NBA action with a bone bruise in his left ankle, the team said Friday.

The towering superstar was injured with what was originally described as a mild ankle sprain in Houston's 98-91 loss at Washington on November 10.

Team doctor Tom Clanton said Friday that Yao's latest injury has nothing to do with the broken left foot that cost him all of last season.

Clanton said Yao's left foot is "completely healed and the structural integrity of the foot is intact."

The Rockets were already limiting Yao's minutes this season to 24 minutes per game in a bid to keep him healthy for the entire campaign.

The seven-time All-Star was averaging 10.2 points and 5.8 rebounds while averaging 18.2 minutes a game for the Rockets when he was hurt last week.

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**Blatter
promises 'new'
FIFA, admits
change needed**

ZURICH (AFP) - World football chief Sepp Blatter on Friday promised that a "new FIFA" would choose the 2018 and 2022 hosts for the World Cup next month but admitted that changes would be needed in the future.

Blatter said that world football's governing body and its showcase event were gaining more than sporting stature.

"Having this importance also in the economy, then we have a political dimension," he told journalists following an executive committee meeting to discuss the World Cup bidding scandal.

"Now we have to have a look at how to act in the future to avoid such situations, definitely this is an item which is now under scrutiny," he added, a day after FIFA ethics committee banned two executive committee members for one to three years over bribery or misconduct.

Blatter said all nine bidders were expected to bring top political leaders to back their final pitch to host the 2018 and 2022 events in Zurich on December 2.

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Murray aims to show improvement in Tour Finals

LONDON (AFP) - World number five Andy Murray insists he will end 2010 as a more complete player even though his wait for a first Grand Slam title goes on.

Murray's inconsistent form this year finally caught up with him last weekend when he dropped out of the top four in the world rankings after Robin Soderling's victory in the Paris Masters.

The Scot started the year on a high when he reached the Australian Open final against Roger Federer, but defeat in that match left Murray in tears on court and signalled a slump which ruined

four months of his season.

He finally rediscovered his game in time for a run to the Wimbledon semi-finals and then beat both Federer and world number one Rafael Nadal to win the Toronto Masters.

Murray also landed a second Masters title in Shanghai last month, but his early exit from the US Open brought more criticism from sceptics, who claim he doesn't have the game to win a Grand Slam.

Now Murray has one last chance this year to prove his credentials as the world's top eight players gather in London for the annual ATP Finals

event.

"It's been a good year. It's been a bit inconsistent. Definitely the last few months I feel like I've improved a lot, I've improved many different parts of my game.

"I feel like I'm starting to learn new things again, which is nice. I'm hoping to improve more before the beginning of next year."

The line-up for the Finals has a familiar look, with Murray, Federer, Soderling and David Ferrer in Group B, while Group A includes Nadal, Novak Djokovic, Andy Roddick and Tomas Berdych.

MLB 'will move ahead' on expanded playoffs: Selig

ORLANDO, Florida (AFP) - Commissioner Bud Selig said that Major League Baseball "will move ahead" with discussions on expanding the postseason.

Selig said a 14-man committee will discuss adding two wild-card teams when it meets on December 7 during MLB's winter meetings.

A change would have to be approved by owners, who next meet January 12-13 in Arizona, and by the players' association, which has said it is open to the idea.

Because baseball's collective bargaining agreement runs to December 2011, any change likely wouldn't take

effect until 2012.

"I'm not going to rule out anything," Selig said. "We'll just proceed and whatever we decide, then we'll just see how fast we can get it done."

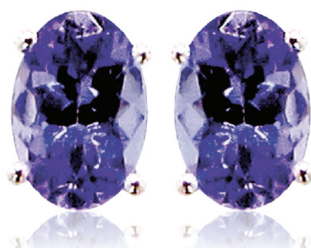
"Once we pass something, I'm always anxious to get it done."

There would be two wild-card teams in each league, and the wild-card teams would meet to determine which advances to the division series - currently the first round - with the three division winners in each league.

Still to be determined is whether the new round would be best-of-three game series, or perhaps a one-game knock-out.

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